

Te Atamira Holiday Programme

28 September – 9 October 2026

Workshops	Timings	Registration	Cost per day
Morning	9.30am – 12pm	Open from 9am	\$32
Afternoon	12.30pm – 3pm	Open from 12pm	\$32
Full day	9am – 3pm	Open from 9am	\$64
Extended day add-on	3pm – 5pm		\$15

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*Materials are provided for all programmes.

Introduction

Our holiday programme this September/October is bursting with creative adventures, many of them being inspired by the amazing At The World's Edge (AWE) music festival that will be at Te Atamira during these weeks.

Join us to experiment, create, and bring all these ideas to life in your own unique way!

Sep/Oct Holiday Programme 2026

		Monday 28 Sep	Tuesday 29 Sep	Wednesday 30 Sep	Thursday 1 Oct	Friday 2 Oct	
Week 1	Morning 9:30am to 12pm	Ages 5 - 7	Rhythm and Roll: Music Board Games	Painting Party People	Creative Clay: Guitars	Slopes and Strokes	An Agomagraph Adventure
		Ages 8 - 13	Turn Up the Art!	Exhibition Explorers: Miharo	Music: Rhythm of Ti Rākau	Dazzling Disco Balls	Vibrant Energy & Vivid Movement
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Registration opens 30 mins before start time. Extension care available until 5pm.

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Monday 28 September

Morning Workshops

Rhythm and Roll: Music Board Games | Ages 5-7

Turn your love of music into a game! Design and create your own music-themed board game, from the board and playing pieces to the rules, challenges and surprises. Once your game is ready, it's time to put your ideas to the test and play with friends. A fun mix of creativity, problem-solving and plenty of musical imagination.

Turn Up the Art! | Ages 8-13

Transform old music sheets into something completely new through painting, collage and mixed media techniques. Experiment with colour, texture, layering and pattern as you work with the lines and notes of the music to create a unique piece of artwork. Let the music inspire your imagination as you explore the unexpected possibilities of an everyday piece of paper.

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Tuesday 29 September

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Painting Party People | Ages 5-7

Bring your figures to life with bold colour, playful patterns and energetic poses. Inspired by the iconic style of Keith Haring, you'll paint dancing and moving figures before filling the space around them with eye-catching lines, shapes and patterns. Experiment with colour and composition to create a striking artwork full of movement and personality.

Exhibition Explorers: Mīharo | Ages 8-13

Children will step into the exhibition *Mīharo* and explore a art works created by local schools and young people. Through observation, discussion, and creative exploration, they'll gather ideas and inspiration before designing their own artwork in response. This session encourages curiosity, experimentation, and big imaginative thinking inspired by the art work of others.

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Wednesday 30 September

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Creative Clay: Guitars | Ages 5-7

Rock Your Creativity! Come and make a clay guitar that's totally your own! Using hands-on building techniques, you'll shape, sculpt, and design your very own musical masterpiece. Add strings, buttons, or funky patterns—whatever makes your guitar sing! Let the music inspire your clay creation! Perfect for young artists who love music and making.

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Music: Rhythm of Tī Rākau | Ages 8-13

With music teacher Chris from Turn Up The Music, discover the rhythm and energy of Māori music through tī rākau, exploring traditional patterns, movement and the importance of making music together. Have a go at fun music games and rhythm challenges while learning how to listen, respond and connect as a group. A lively, hands-on session that offers a playful introduction to Māori cultural practices through music, movement and shared connection.

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Thursday 1 October

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Slopes and Strokes | Ages 5-7

Paint a snowy mountain scene filled with slopes, snowy peaks and wintery atmosphere, then bring it to life with your own cast of colourful skiers and snowboarders. Give each character their own pose, personality and style as they race, cruise or tumble down the mountain. A playful painting session where everyone can create their own busy, action-packed winter scene.

Dazzling Disco Balls | Ages 8-13

Get ready to make your own dazzling disco ball artwork using a mix of creative media, including chalk, to capture all the sparkle and shine of the dance floor. Experiment with light, colour and reflections to create a disco-inspired masterpiece. Then, if you're lucky, there might even be time to share a few moves under Te Atamira's very own disco ball!

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Friday 2 October

Morning Workshops

An Agomagraph Adventure | Ages 5-7

Create a clever artwork that reveals something different as you move around it! Design and decorate an agomograph using colour, pattern and imagery, then fold it into its special accordion shape to create a changing picture. Experiment with perspective and composition to make an artwork with a surprise hidden inside.

Vibrant Energy & Vivid Movement | Ages 8-13

Create a striking artwork where bold colour and movement take centre stage. Paint a black silhouette figure, then layer vibrant oil pastel lines and patterns behind it to suggest energy, speed and motion. Experiment with colour, direction and repetition to make your figure appear to move right off the page.

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Monday 5 October

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Dance Moves and Grooves | Ages 5-7

Whether you're trying dance for the first time or already love to move, this fun workshop with Brooklyn from DanceQT is a chance to get active, creative, and enjoy music and movement in a supportive environment. Explore new moves, build confidence, and have fun dancing alongside others in an energetic and welcoming session.

Make & Move: Crafted Poi | Ages 8-13

Create and decorate your very own poi, exploring colour, pattern and design as you make something unique to take home. Once your poi are ready, discover some of the cultural and musical traditions behind poi and have a go at simple movements and patterns to music. A creative, hands-on session combining craft, rhythm and movement with an introduction to Māori performing arts.

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Craft & Clatter: DIY Percussion | Ages 8-13

Turn everyday materials into your very own percussion instruments. Experiment with different shapes, textures and objects to discover how they can be combined to create different sounds, then decorate your instruments with your own creative designs. Once your instruments are ready, it's time to make some noise and see what rhythms you can create!

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Wednesday 7 October

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Creative Clay: Piano | Ages 5-7

Tickle the Keys, Shape the Clay! Calling all music lovers! In this hands-on workshop, you'll build your very own clay piano from scratch. Learn easy hand building techniques to craft the keys, body, and all the little details that make your piano one-of-a-kind. Will it be a mini grand piano or a quirky upright? The melody is in your hands! Perfect for young artists who love music and making.

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Music: Mini Maestro Music Studio | Ages 8-13

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Legends in Art: The Tale of Hineraukatauri | Ages 5-7

Explore the story of Hineraukatauri and discover how pūoro, traditional Māori musical instruments, connect with storytelling, culture and the natural world. Through creative activities inspired by her story, we will explore Māori traditions in a fun and hands-on way. A chance to learn, create and connect with an important part of Aotearoa's cultural heritage.

Characters and Storytelling Games | Ages 8-13

Let's make a show! Step into the spotlight these school holidays. Our drama workshop is packed with fun games, silly characters and creative storytelling. From warming up with animal walks to performing mini scenes, build your confidence, make new friends and discover the joy of theatre.

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Friday 9 October

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Mindful Doodle Designs | Ages 5-7

Slow down and finish the week with a relaxing session of creative doodling. Fill shapes inspired by animals, plants and the natural world with intricate patterns, lines and playful details, building up your artwork one mark at a time. A calming opportunity to switch off, get creative and enjoy the simple satisfaction of watching patterns emerge.

Blue Beats and Bold Shapes | Ages 8-13

Take inspiration from Picasso's Blue Period to create an expressive abstract guitar artwork. Explore different shades of blue, simplified shapes and bold lines as you transform the familiar form of a guitar into something uniquely your own. Experiment with mood, colour and composition to create a striking piece inspired by one of art history's most recognisable styles.

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